



**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION**

**CARLO TRESKA**

**PART 7 OF 10  
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**BUFILE: 61-1335**

Carlo Tresca

section 7



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**Federal Bureau of Investigation**  
**United States Department of Justice**  
**Washington, D. C.**

April 2, 1943

**MEMORANDUM FOR MR. D. M. LADD**

Re: CARLO TRESCA, Victim;  
Murder

Mr. E. A. Tamm  
Mr. Clegg  
Mr. Glavin  
Mr. Ladd  
Mr. Nichols  
Mr. Rosen  
Mr. Tracy  
Mr. Carson  
Mr. Coffey  
Mr. Hendon  
Mr. Kramer  
Mr. McGuire  
Mr. Harbo  
Mr. Quinn Tamm  
Tele. Room  
Mr. Nease  
Miss Gandy

Pursuant to Mr. Tamm's instructions, I proceeded to the office of Mr. William Stanley of the law firm of Cummings and Stanley, 1616 K Street, Northwest, at 11:30 A.M. today. In accordance with his telephonic advice to the Bureau just before, Mr. Stanley had in his office Mrs. Carlo Tresca, the widow of the individual.

Mr. Stanley was very affable and friendly and expressed his gratitude for the Director's consideration in having me call at his office. As a matter of interest, Mrs. Tresca is apparently a native born American who is very intelligent, apparently well educated, well read, and has an excellent knowledge of at least leftist ideologics, their workings, and the people connected with them. She impressed me as a woman of good breeding and very much "a lady."

Mr. Stanley, after introductions, spent some time reviewing his past contacts with Mr. Tamm concerning this matter and generally elaborating apparently to convince Mrs. Tresca he had expended considerable effort and shown a real interest in her case. He explained that he was particularly interested in having her talk to one of the officials of the Bureau so that she would fully understand the Bureau's position. I reiterated Mr. Tamm's comments to Mr. Stanley that the FBI is without jurisdiction in a matter of this kind and is, in fact, precluded by the phraseology of Congressional enactments from entering into such a case even on a volunteer or cooperative basis. In answer to Mr. Stanley's inquiry, I assured that in so far as the Bureau is concerned, the homicide squad of the New York Police Department is very capable and honest and that reliance could be rested in it to expend every possible effort to solve this case.

Mrs. Tresca expressed some doubt as to whether the investigation has been receiving sufficiently vigorous handling and felt that the hood of this being a "political murder" should justify the entrance of the FBI into the investigation. She mentioned Miss Dolores Farnoti, the Assistant U. S. Attorney in New York whose name has come into this case and inquired as to why the Bureau could not enter the investigation because of the involvement of a Federal employee. I explained to her the fact that employees of the Government are subject to state criminal laws



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the same as anyone else. She then inquired as to whether the Bureau could enter the case if the Attorney General specifically requested it to do so because of the involvement of Miss Faconti. My reply to her was that any investigation the FBI was specifically instructed to make by the Attorney General would, of course, be made, but that the Attorney General would, of course, consider the Congressional restrictions on the Bureau in ordering an investigation. I further informed her that should he request an investigation of Miss Faconti, it would undoubtedly be for administrative purposes and would not be an investigation of the murder. (You will recall that the Bureau is conducting an investigation of Miss Faconti at the Attorney General's specific request.)

Mrs. Tresca then turned her inquiries to the subject of political murders and put forward several questions as to whether the FBI would not investigate if a murder were committed by an agent of and at the specific direction of a foreign government. I pointed out that to my best recollection there has never been such a set of facts encountered in this country, and that to my personal recollection the only Federal law applicable in such a situation would be the Foreign Agents Registration Act. Then, without specifically stating the basis for her inquiry, Mrs. Tresca inquired whether the Bureau could question one Sorrenti, an OGPU agent now in Mexico City. Since she mentioned no basis for her question, I answered her purely theoretically by advising her that any action undertaken by the Government outside the territorial limits of the United States was a matter for the State Department. Mrs. Tresca then explained that Sorrenti (Jesus Sorrenti Vidali, whose true name is Carlos Contreras) was an OGPU agent in Spain during the Civil War. His function was to assist in the liquidation of anarchists and other leftists who were not in accord with Russia. One individual liquidated by him was an Italian who was a protege of Tresca. Mrs. Tresca pointed out that her husband was an anarchist and accordingly extremely anti-Communist. As a result of Sorrenti's liquidation of his protege, Tresca made it a point in his paper to publicize and protest against Sorrenti's presence and activities in Mexico City where he now is. After this explanation, Mrs. Tresca again inquired whether it would not be possible to have Sorrenti questioned as to his knowledge relative to Tresca's death. I again told her that any such action would be a State Department matter, and inquired whether she had any information which could be used as a basis for such a questioning. She stated she had nothing definite, and when I asked her what, if any, admissions she thought could be expected from an OGPU agent during a voluntary interview, she conceded that there would be no purpose served in questioning Sorrenti. She did mention, however, that she has a picture of Sorrenti. Since the FBI is extremely interested in Sorrenti, I mentioned to Mrs. Tresca as I was leaving that since she had stated that Sorrenti is definitely known to her to be an OGPU agent who is now in Mexico, I would be interested in having a copy of his picture since

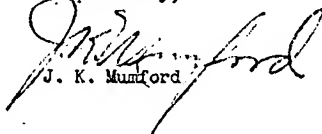
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under its general obligations in connection with the internal security of the country, the Bureau is interested in knowing of any agents of any foreign government who are suspected, as she had said, of entering this country unannounced and unregistered. She stated she would send me a copy of his picture immediately upon her return to New York.

Conclusion

After this discussion which lasted about forty-five minutes, Mr. Stanley and Mrs. Tresca expressed appreciation and stated that should they receive any information which might appear to be of interest to the Bureau, they would make it available. Mrs. Tresca mentioned that her husband had frequently been contacted by FBI Agents and had furnished information. She stated that she would continue to do so at any time she might be helpful. She mentioned incidentally that she is on the Board of Directors of the American Civil Liberties Union. Mr. Stanley stated that he would contact Mr. Tamm or me in this matter later, and Mrs. Tresca asked if she might call at the Bureau should she develop anything of interest. I suggested that she feel free to come to my office.

Respectfully,

  
J. K. Mumford

April 9, 1935

ARMANDO BORGHI

MAX SARTIN

ALBERTO MANGIACAPRA

P.O. BOX 71, ROSEVILLE STA.  
NEWARK, N.J.

242 E. 14TH STREET

"(Quote transl) 'with bones broken because he .....fell...  
...) in the elevator my work remains unfinished';  
DRAMIS  
CARLO TRESCA  
620 BROADWAY  
dead.

"Writer states (quote lit. transl) 'To meet me on any street,  
on any night I should have told them that they are FASCIST spies,  
filthy and very poisonous snakes of the OVRA. They have never  
come because spies crawl about in the dark, like spiders under  
leaves and they bite.'

"Writer states that the Director of the F.B.I. now dead,  
had disregarded his (writer's) warnings, with the result that  
the work of the gang continues. Should anything happen to him,  
writer indicates that the probable source would be ALBERTO CUPPELLI,  
with a FASCIST background.

"Writer names the following as members of the FASCIST group.

BRUNO  
MALATESTA  
CAVALCA  
TONY IL SICILIANO

ANGELO CHIAVORELLA  
MILANO  
'IL ROMANO'  
RATTIAPAGLIA"

"EXAMINER'S NOTE - In a recent broadcast heard in WASHINGTON  
the name of CARLO TRESCA, mentioned above, was linked with  
the assassination of TROTSKY, in MEXICO."

For your information, the individuals mentioned in the first  
part of the intercepted communication are almost all Italian Socialists  
and former friends of the murdered Carlo Tresca. Some of the individuals  
mentioned by the writer of the intercepted letter as being members of the  
Fascist group have been identified as New York gangsters of Sicilian  
descent.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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SJS #72

RE: CARLO TRESCA  
Mexico Subversive Activities - S  
(61-1335)

Dear Sir:

Refer to Bureau cable of March 22 and Bureau letters of January 26, February 3, and March 17, 1943, in the captioned matter.

The Bureau is *utterly dissatisfied with* astounded and amazed and at a loss to understand the extreme delinquency of this matter in your office. You are instructed to immediately treat this matter as a special case, and to assign at least two agents to the investigation in order to clear your delinquency.

Unless a reply is received from you in the immediate future, the Bureau may be compelled to take administrative action as a result of the laxity indicated by your failure to reply to previous communications of Mr. E. A. Tamm in this matter.

Mr. Clegg  
Mr. Coffey  
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Mr. Ladd  
Mr. Nichols  
Mr. Rosen  
Mr. Tracy  
Mr. Carson  
Mr. Harbo  
Mr. Hendon  
Mr. McGuire  
Mr. Mumford  
Mr. Piper  
Mr. Quinn Tamm  
Mr. Nease  
Miss Gandy

For your information and assistance in conducting the requested inquiries, there follows an excerpt from an intercept submission in connection with a letter dated February 23, 1943, from one "O. R." in New York City to Vittorio Vidali, alias Carlos J. Contreras, Calle Loteria Nacional 1-D to 6, Mexico, D. F.

"ANARCHIST ACTIVITIES IN MEXICO"

"Writer states that for a year he has made known to (Ex.

does not specify what)

OSTON: ANARCHIST SECTION  
GIROLAMO VALENTI  
PIETRO ALLEGRA 12  
GIUSEPPE LURIS  
ALBERTO CUPPES  
P.M.

80 E 11th STREET

59 CHRISTIE STREET

80 4TH AVENUE (OC 401)

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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April 8, 1943

To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

Transmit the following message to:

Mexico, D. F.

CABLE - SPECIAL CIPHER PAD

RE: CARLO TRESCA. REFERENCE BUREAU CABLE MARCH TWENTY-TWO LAST AND BUREAU LETTERS JANUARY TWENTY-SIX, FEBRUARY THREE, MARCH SEVENTEEN LAST. BUREAU AMAZED AT EXTREME DELINQUENCY THIS MATTER. BY CABLE IMMEDIATELY ADVISE STATUS THIS CASE YOUR OFFICE. COVER LEADS AND CABLE REPORT.

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- Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Coffey \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_
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- Mr. Mumford \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Piper \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Quinn Tamm \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Nease \_\_\_\_\_
- Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

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APR 30th  
FED. BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
Miss Jean Wundrich : 175-27 Wexford Terrace : Jamaica, N. Y.  
Miss M. Biddle  
The Carlo Tresca murder  
should be solved. Because  
of its international compli-  
cations, this case calls  
for Federal action.  
I urge that you take  
this case up without  
further delay.  
Sincerely, Jean Wundrich

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Miss Jean Wunderlich  
175-27 Wexford Terrace  
Jamaica, New York

Dear Miss Wunderlich:

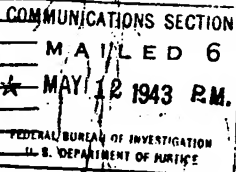
This will acknowledge receipt of your card of recent date, by reference from the Attorney General.

With regard to the matter mentioned in your communication, the jurisdiction of this Bureau is limited to investigation of violations of certain Federal Statutes. Inasmuch as the matter which you referred to does not appear to constitute such a violation, I am sure you will understand that this Bureau cannot comply with your request.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
New York, New York

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April 26, 1943

DIRECTOR, FBI

RE: CARLO TRESCA;  
INTERNAL SECURITY - I

Dear Sir:

I am enclosing herewith a booklet published by the Executive Committee of/IL MARTELLO in commemoration of CARLO TRESCA by representatives of labor organizations and individuals prominent in labor circles.

Some of the articles are in the Italian language and if the Bureau has any of them translated and believes they may be of interest to the New York Field Division, it is requested that a copy of the translated article be forwarded to this office as information for our file on the subject.

Very truly yours,

E. E. Conroy  
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May 21, 1943

SAC, New York

CARLO TRESCA  
INTERNAL SECURITY - I.

Reference is made to your letter dated April 26, 1943, with which you enclosed a booklet published by the Executive Committee of "Il Martello" in commemoration of Carlo Tresca.

In pursuance of the request outlined in the last paragraph of the referenced communication, there are enclosed copies of a summary translation which has been made of the articles contained therein which are written in the Italian language.

Enclosure

ENCLOSURE

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Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_  
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SUMMARY FROM THE ITALIAN

Booklet published by the Executive Committee of "IL MARTELLO", is a memorial to Carlo Tresca and what he stood for in labor circles. It gives detailed account of the major strikes which he led during the many years in this country. There appears to be nothing of interest to the Bureau to be gathered from the various articles except that he fought against fascism even before the American authorities recognized it as a potential enemy. In no article is there any mention of an individual or any organization which in any way may be responsible for his death. It is the general opinion or belief of the writers of these various tributes, however, that it was his fascist enemies which killed him to silence him in his untiring battle against fascism and its advocates in this country.

EXAMINED BY: Marie G. Macaluso  
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

April 27, 1943

To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

Transmit the following message to: SIS #72

CABLE

RE CARLO TRESCA. ENDEAVOR OBTAIN AND FORWARD BUREAU PHOTOGRAPHS  
OF CARLOS CONTRERAS. GIVE PREFERRED EXPEDITIOUS ATTENTION.

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transmittal to the Radio Communications Section.

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By: *None (MR)*

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Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
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JAS:MD  
Broadcast: 9:00 P.M.  
Dictated: 11:00 P.M.

April 25, 1943

MR. LADD

Re: WALTER WINCHELL BROADCAST  
APRIL 25, 1943

The following comments which appear to be of interest to the Bureau were made by Mr. Winchell in his broadcast on the above date:

I. REGISTRATION ACT AND SEDITION MATTERS

A. George Sylvester Viereck and Sedition Conspiracy Case

Mr. Winchell stated: "Washington. The second trial for George Sylvester Viereck, the admitted Nazi agent, is scheduled some time in June. Prosecutor O. John Rogge will convene a special grand jury for the thirty-four Sedition cases some time next month."

The Bureau has been advised by the Department that the Viereck trial will be held in June and the Bureau is also in receipt of a request that a jury investigation be conducted of the jury panel.

You will recall that Mr. O. John Rogge has been designated as a special prosecutor to succeed Mr. William Power Maloney in the case in-

Mr. Tolson involving thirty-four individuals previously indicted for conspiracy to  
Mr. E. A. Tamm violate one of the conspiracy statutes. Mr. Rogge is reviewing all the  
Mr. Clegg evidence which was presented to the previous grand jury under the direction  
Mr. Coffey of Mr. Maloney, who obtained two indictments against these individuals, and  
Mr. Glavin Mr. Rogge contemplates representing the entire case to a new grand jury  
Mr. Ladd for the purpose of obtaining a third indictment.

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Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

B. Hamilton Fish Bill

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Mr. Winchell stated: "Washington. The terrible and horrible news announced by the President this week that the Japs butcher American flyers after the Tokyo raid contained this grim irony: One of the Congressmen who demanded vengeance and more bombing for Tokyo was the ardent Hamilton Fish of New York. Not very well known to the general public, however, is this, that Congressman Fish offered a new bill in the House affecting all persons

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accused of trying to undermine this Government before Pearl Harbor. This new Congressman Fish bill would handcuff the Department of Justice and the 'BT' in prosecuting the thirty-four persons now charged with Sedition, one of whom, Ralph Townsend, was convicted for being a Japanese agent."

The bill to which Mr. Winchell referred is being followed by the Bureau, and the same was placed in the hopper on March 31, 1943 by Congressman Fish. This bill relates to Section 9, Title 18, United States Code, which is commonly referred to as the "peacetime Sedition statute".

The Hamilton Fish bill amends the present statute with reference to conspiracy prosecutions under that section and makes it obligatory that the prosecution show that each one of the engaged in an overt act in furtherance of the conspiracy. The bill further provides that venue for trial will lie only in the district where the particular defendant resides. It is retroactive to December 8, 1941, and if passed would make it necessary to prosecute each of the thirty-four persons now under indictment for conspiracy to violate this particular section in the district in which he resides. The consolidation of these cases in the District of Columbia, of course, would be impossible under the Fish amendment to this section. No action has been taken on this bill to date, and it is now understood to be in the House Judiciary Committee.

#### C. Joe McWilliams

Mr. Winchell stated: "Chicago. Joe McWilliams spotlighted by me over this network many times continues goosestepping in the swastika parade. His latest propaganda plan praises democracy which he once condemned on the street corners of New York. Joe McWilliams, in case you are among the gullibles, spoke from the same platform with German-American Bund leaders and praised Hitlerism. He now works out of Chicago where it is reported his propaganda booklets are published and supported by one Alice Rand - R A N D. This lady's name, however, is really Mrs. Alexis DeFarnowsky, wife of an officer in the Army of the United States. How do you like that?"

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

The present activities of McWilliams are being completely covered by the Chicago Office. The Attorney General has authorized a technical surveillance which is now in effect. The propaganda booklet to which Mr. Winchell referred is undoubtedly the recent publication of McWilliams called "Serviceman's Reconstruction Plan". Alice Rand, to whom Mr. Winchell referred, is now associated closely with McWilliams and runs the Barrington Rand Press, Barrington, Illinois. She and McWilliams are putting out a weekly booklet, the purpose of which is to publicize and encourage the purchase of McWilliams' Book "Serviceman's Reconstruction Plan". McWilliams' speaking in New York is, of course, well known to the Bureau inasmuch as his activities while there were completely covered.



II. ITALIAN ACTIVITIESA. Carlos Tresca

Mr. Winchell stated; "A wild pamphlet now being distributed in the East and purporting to give clues of the mysterious murder of Carlos Tresca, an enemy of Mussolini and Fascism, has aroused the District Attorney of New York. The police are searching for the author. The case, which is the hottest since the murder of Arnold Rothstein, has international angles. Governor Dewey may step in to it in his old role of crime buster."

The pamphlet to which Mr. Winchell referred is undoubtedly a treatise prepared by a Mr. Essio Tadel and Mrs. Tresca, in which it is charged that Communists were responsible for Tresca's murder. They did not specifically name him, but by choice of language referred to Jesus Sorikenti Vidali, most commonly known as Carlos Contreras, reported to be a GPU agent and gunman for the Communist Party in Mexico. SIS information from Mexico indicates that Contreras was seen in Chihuahua, Mexico, about five days before the Tresca murder, and an unknown woman reported to a newspaper in New York that he was seen in New York immediately before the murder. Contreras is reported to have engaged in several killings on Communist Party instructions, and while in Chihuahua shortly before the Tresca murder is said to have killed a rabid anti-Communist. Since the Tresca murder, he is also reported to have killed another anti-Communist in Mexico.

While the Bureau is not actively investigating the Tresca murder, which is, in fact, being covered by the New York police, the Bureau is endeavoring to check and follow the activities of Contreras.

Mr. Tolson III. COMMUNIST ACTIVITY

Mr. E. A. Tamm

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Miss Gandy

A. Relationship between the Communist Party and General Franco

Mr. Winchell stated: "Mexico City. The Communist Party of South America has been ordered to temper its attacks against Franco. Experts frankly state that Stalin is hoping for a better relationship with the Vatican and many highly informed diplomats believe that a public understanding pointing to Hitler as a common enemy will be reached by the Vatican and the Kremlin."

It might be noted that there is, in fact, no "Communist Party of South America", since the party is divided into units within the various countries of South America, and there is a Communist Party of Chile, Communist Party of Argentina, etc.

No information has been furnished to the Bureau indicating that any of the various Communist groups in South America has been instructed to discontinue attacks against Franco. The attitude of the Communist Party in the United States has been strongly against Franco and, in fact, has openly advocated the overthrow of his government by the use of guerrilla bands. The Communist Party in the United States has continually complained to the State Department because of the State Department's attitude toward Franco, complaining particularly against the shipping of oil to Spain and against the continued imprisonment of Loyalist soldiers in North Africa.

A memorandum was recently prepared on the Communist Party's attitude in this connection at the request of the Attorney General, who, in turn, had received a copy of a communication addressed by the State Department to the White House with reference to the current attitude which the Communist Party had taken toward the State Department.

#### IV. MATTERS OF GENERAL INTEREST TO THE BUREAU

##### A. Sweden

Mr. Winchell stated: "Stockholm. Sweden may be the next nation to join the allies."

The New York Office advised yesterday that a confidential informant indicated that Robert M., formerly a confidential informant of the Bureau, furnished information to Mr. Winchell concerning the Finnish-American relations advising him that all members of the United States Legation at Helsinki had been transferred by plane to Stockholm, Sweden, and stated further that Sweden might declare war on Germany if Germany goes into Finland. Robert M. requested that Mr. Winchell give this story prominent place. No information was available indicating Robert M.'s source of information.

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##### B. California Committee to Investigate Subversive Activities

Mr. Winchell stated: "Sacramento. The California State Committee probing un-American activities in California has issued its report which demands wider circulation, I think. This organization of alert Americans pointed out that the subversive groups among us are not dead, that they are again coming out of their holes and unless something is done to curb them, they will plague the nation after the war. The California investigators are among those who have also been attacked by certain peculiar representatives in Washington, D. C., whose red tape does all it can to bind them. This is to remind all of you ladies and gentlemen that the red tape which seals another man's lips may one day be used as a rope around your neck."

The committee referred to is frequently known as the Jack Tenney Committee and is a state committee for the investigation of subversive activities in California. The Los Angeles Office of the Bureau has been maintaining contact with a representative of this Committee, and has furnished to the Bureau whenever information was believed of interest to Bureau cases. The San Francisco Office has been requested to obtain a copy of the Committee's report referred to herein, and the same will be reviewed as soon as it is received, and any information of particular Bureau interest will be called to your attention.

#### C. Congressmen Gerhard, Lambertson and Senator Nye

Mr. Winchell stated: "Attention Mr. and Mrs. United States. Some of the Congressmen continue to fight our allies instead of the common enemy. What might be Sedition if spoken by an American soldier in Tunisia is not Sedition when it is spoken on the floor of the House of Representatives. I refer to the remarks by three of them who apparently do not realize that our country needs no allies to preserve the Constitution which gave these legislators immunity. The least they might do is remember that there is no immunity on a battlefield. Congressman Gerhard, for instance, with our own men crashing in planes on the Continent, and our flyers murdered in Japan, Mr. Gerhard publicly worries whether or not our trade treaties might have appeased Mr. Hitler instead of being concerned how the United Nations can exterminate them. Congressman Lambertson the other day criticized Dorothy Thompson, the noted commentator, by saying that she is non-American because she will soon be married to a gentleman from Czechoslovakia. Mr. Lambertson forgets that many Czechs have died and are still fighting on our side for the very principals which he, Lambertson, is able to hold office, and with the dead of the glorious British Eighth Army lying all over the desert from Suez to Sfax, Senator Gerald P. Nye attacks the country for which they died. The British Eighth Army may not hold the right views perhaps for Senator Nye, but more important, the British Eighth Army tonight is holding the American red flank in Tunisia."

#### D. Byron Price - Elmer Davis

Mr. Winchell stated: "Washington. A large and important group of anti-New Deal newspapers will launch a campaign within the next few days to have Byron Price placed in charge of the Office of War Information, in the event that Elmer Davis resigns. This is to advise all concerning that Mr. Davis has absolutely no intention of quitting despite all the petty squabbles around him."

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E. Recovery of Escaped Georgia State Prisoners

Mr. Winchell stated: "Macon, Georgia. Leland Harney and D. C. Black, two of the twenty-five men who broke out of Patnor Prison have been recaptured near Macon, Georgia."

Respectfully,

J. A. Sizoo

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RE: CARLO TRESCA  
INTERNAL SECURITY - I

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith for your information are two copies of a pamphlet entitled "THE TRESCA CASE" by EZIO TADDEI, which was furnished to Special Agent Joseph G. Genco, of this Office by Mr. TADDEI. The pamphlet was published by TADDEI and has been distributed among members of the Italian Colony in New York. It gives the outline of the TRESCA case, the details of which have been previously furnished to the Bureau. The pamphlet is in both English and Italian, the English being the exact duplicate of the Italian.

Very truly yours,

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*The*  
**TRESCA  
CASE**

*by*  
**EZIO TADDEI**

W HEN Giacomo Matteotti, Italian socialist deputy, was assassinated in Rome in 1924 by order of the head of the Italian government, Benito Mussolini, nobody succeeded in identifying the assassin. Chief of Publications and General De Bono, head of the press, tried to prevent Matteotti's murder, but the press, the police, but despite the frantic attempts to hush the press, the papers of Italy came out in a torrent of charges and revelations against the gilly parties. The head of the government was incapable of halting the printing press. The head of the government was incapable of halting the printing press. The head of the government was incapable of halting the printing press. It was felt by the people as a great victory for their dignity.

However, in Berlin, in 1933, Hitler and Goering ordered the burning of the Reichstag, the German newspapers issued a series of accusations against the Communists, party knowing full well that many innocent persons would be arrested and persecuted as a result. But in spite of the newspapers nothing could stop the people of Germany from thinking their own rights.

—thoughts against which Hitler is still incapable of defending himself. We are in America. The fact that a man can be understood, that the killer can receive protection from a network of financial and political interests, enabling him to instill fear in the hearts of public and semi-public officials, should cause every honest man to pause in the face of the moral fragility of our social institutions. The contradictions, the conflicts, are motivated instead by dark forces of the underworld, thus allowing agents of the black-hand to influence our political life, should bring about a more efficient evaluation of our civic institutions.

The most important point, I want you to remember is that in the assassination of Carlo Tresca, concerning which this pamphlet is written, the American press, without exception, maintained a fearful silence concerning the situation against Tresca. It was continued even when it became necessary to speak actual blame. It was continued even when it became necessary to speak actual blame. It was continued even when it became necessary to speak actual blame. It was continued even when it became necessary to speak actual blame.

It is for this reason that we write these pages—not anonymously. We are well aware of the risk involved, but by our words we wish to inform to the kind that their fear is a sad spectacle, and we wish to say to them a little more courage on their part would be enough to free them from the influence of the underworld.

*Ezio Taddai*

(The following is the text of a speech made by Ezio Taddai at a meeting held at the headquarters in Sunday, February 14, 1935.)

THE speakers who have preceded me have said that this is not a demonstration, that it is a political act, and that we have no right to put it in the name of the people. I want to say to you that this is not a demonstration, that it is a political act, and that we have no right to put it in the name of the people. I want to say to you that this is not a demonstration, that it is a political act, and that we have no right to put it in the name of the people.

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being absent late. They sought to speak with the editor, Valenti, Valenti being absent at the time, the men were interviewed by the then business manager, Cencio Cancellieri. The man warned Cancellieri to cease the attacks against Genesee Pope. They reminded Cancellieri that this was not their first visit, but that it would be their last. They added, "you know what we mean." One of the two men was identified as Paul Cancellieri, executive member of the notorious "Mafia" gang. This gang operates in New York and is known as one of the most dangerous in the city. As we shall see later, it is under the political and economic protection of Genesee Pope, and therefore is at his service.

the "anti-fascist" magazine, *Il Mulino*, and the Italian Communist Party. After the above-mentioned threats, and before the release of *Shoguns* in the United States, the publisher, Giulio Einaudi, contacted the author, the wealthy Italian aristocrat, to inform him that the book would be published in the United States. The publisher also wanted to know if the author had any other titles he would like to publish in the United States. In his article, Tresselt also attacked Pope for a threat which he had made against other, and been ignored by Pope's managers to allow the ultranationalist, anti-semitic, and anti-slavic papers, among them *La Popa*, whose editor, Giovanni Tresselt, was a member of the Italian Fascist Party, to publish the ultranationalist, anti-semitic, and anti-slavic magazine, *Il Mulino*. Tresselt also attacked Pope for a threat which he had made against other, and been ignored by Pope's managers to allow the ultranationalist, anti-semitic, and anti-slavic papers, among them *La Popa*, whose editor, Giovanni Tresselt, was a member of the Italian Fascist Party, to publish the ultranationalist, anti-semitic, and anti-slavic magazine, *Il Mulino*. Tresselt also attacked Pope for a threat which he had made against other, and been ignored by Pope's managers to allow the ultranationalist, anti-semitic, and anti-slavic papers, among them *La Popa*, whose editor, Giovanni Tresselt, was a member of the Italian Fascist Party, to publish the ultranationalist, anti-semitic, and anti-slavic magazine, *Il Mulino*.

Although Tresselt's article succeeded in preventing Pope and his minions from continuing their work of infiltration and intimidation, and so it won't a veritable hail of polemical and bold attacks by Tresselt against Pope, and a counterforce of bribery and intimidation by Pope against Tresselt. This state of affairs continued uninterceptedly until December 7, 1941, when Pope and his fascist cohorts changed their political line, drastically and now have to be recognized as anti-fascist.

Poppe's attempt to achieve respectability was and is being aided by Luigi Antonini's. In other words, Antonini tried to open the anti-fascist door to Poppe, but Antonini's help was fruitless because Carlo Treves recognized the scheme in time. Treves methodically blocked Poppe's every approach to the anti-fascist camp. He stated to Poppe's supporters that the ex-fascists would never be admitted or recognized as an anti-fascist so long as he, Treves, were alive.

At this point the friends of Pope were looking for a suitable opportunity to get him to participate in an anti-racist function. They found the occasion for this in the annual St. Boniface banquet organized by *Padellio Christi* for the fifth day of the month of June.

About an hour before Teresa left for the banquet to which she had also been invited, the telephone Marcel Gironi for the purpose of finding out whether Pope would be present at the banquet. Gironi said that Pope would not be there. In order to cheer, I also called Gironi. The answer was the same. Teresa could not assure that Pope would not be present. Teresa

(2) But for the combined—was Amel, Miguel Alvarado. Paracost did even after he was told of the difference—two years. Daniel Alvarado "Caramellero del Cofre," one of which is in Puntón and the other in Minahua.

The 11 sisters of which we speak is a group headed by Raylene Dominate and Frank Gendola. Criminal activities is also a member of the Marine band of the IICWU, has a strong knowledge that Laila Antonio, head of the IICWU, has a strong that he favors General Pino, overthrowing the opposition of Carlo Treves.

# THE TRISCA CASE

then decided to attend, telling me that if perhaps Pope came to the Metropolitan Club that night, he (Pope) would leave the banquet. I accompanied Treva part of the way to the Manhattan Club. We parted with the understanding that we would meet after the banquet in a restaurant on Bedford Street.

That very night Treen told me that he was worried now that the next day he would have to face the same old crowd of people. "I don't know what I'm going to do," he said. "I don't know what I'm going to do."

Some of the incident might be, he asked me to be on guard. "We did have a telephone call from the City Treasurer, Almirante Pirella. He asked me to keep silent about the incident of the night before. I asked Pirella that he need have no fear. He promised to my meeting of the

There are a few questions which we must ask ourselves at this point. Why did the City Treasurer and with so much intelligence that Thomas refrained from making public this incident? He knew that the other guests were well informed of the whole thing. Why was he the only one to ask Thomas to remain silent about the matter? Could the guests were in the least concerned? What is it that Thomas and the City Treasurer had in common?

A half hour after the Portland, *American*, left, Thomas received another call from a Dolores Pennell, Assistant City Clerk. She wanted to know how he had accompanied the prisoner, Garibaldi, to the State Prison in Portland, she begged Thomas to keep silent about the incident. Thomas told her that he would not make any mention of the incident.

These points to her in a judgmental tone. He asked her to think of her future and warned her of the danger of the gangster Gravelin. At the end of the conversation, the woman promised Treves that she could have her statistics lower and that she would not do anything else. However, she was not satisfied and called Treves or an associate at the Mercello office. Forty-five minutes later she arrived at the office to continue her conversation with Treves.

which would endanger her reputation. These accounts were so convincing that she told her to stop worrying and that everything would turn out alright. After this conversation, I noticed that Townsend's face was back into worry.

"What," he said, "This is serious! It is serious! It is serious!" He immediately called Inspector Gamble of the F.B.I.

So after Mr. Penn, from August 1942 we find the same presentation, which produces the same effect. In October 1942 Townsend left us a clue in this newspaper as to the probable contents of what was written. This clue was also given to the editors in the form of a self-analysis. In 1942 Townsend

(4) Present at the hearings were: Leslie Gail, Fisher Aircraft, Memphis, Tenn.; Paul D. Dill, Aircraft Division, Federal Aviation Administration, Washington, D. C.; Edward Galt, exec. Alameda County, spokesman of the N. Y. State Industrial Commission, who denied that he was aware of what he supposed, last summer, that same aircraft, the 100 of American Airlines, was appropriated; Miss Dabney Farnsworth, reported here for having flown to the Man-



banquet was held at the Hotel Commodore.<sup>7</sup> The friends of Genesee responded to get out the officials of the banquet to invite Pope, Carlo Tresca, and Popo, anxious to avoid an official, fought against this proposal and won. Pope, anxious to avoid an official, sought against this proposal and won. Pope, anxious to avoid an official, sought against this proposal and won.

The Italian-American anti-Fascist movement, was forced to organize another banquet for the same night, so as to explain his absence from the Bertram banquet. Various figures of the American Labor Party were sent to Pope's last night so as to make his banquet "respectable."

though there's going to be another funeral—the Fascist woman threatened to commit suicide." Why should this woman want to kill herself? We wanted to ask the District Attorney to ask the same question. Why did this woman want to kill herself after receiving solemn assurances from Carlo Treves that he would not make public the incident of the Manhattan Club? Why should she want to kill herself even before the assassination of Treves, which she had not even heard of? A few days later—and we come to the night of January 1944. From here on, events speed up toward the night of the execution.

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There was no permanent investigation in the Senate. It was a special committee, headed by Senator Charles McNary of Indiana, which was called into existence by the Illinois-American community and then by the American community and the leaders of the Italian National Committee. McNary was a moderate man, and the movement of the Italian world was broad and liberal. McNary was not a lawyer, without legal experience, and he was not a politician, without political experience. He was a man of good sense, and he was a man of good will. He was a man of good character, and he was a man of good reputation. He was a man of good fame, and he was a man of good honor. He was a man of good integrity, and he was a man of good conscience. He was a man of good courage, and he was a man of good strength. He was a man of good wisdom, and he was a man of good judgment. He was a man of good skill, and he was a man of good art. He was a man of good science, and he was a man of good knowledge. He was a man of good power, and he was a man of good influence. He was a man of good authority, and he was a man of good respect. He was a man of good esteem, and he was a man of good regard. He was a man of good honor, and he was a man of good glory. He was a man of good fame, and he was a man of good reputation. He was a man of good character, and he was a man of good integrity. He was a man of good courage, and he was a man of good strength. He was a man of good wisdom, and he was a man of good judgment. He was a man of good skill, and he was a man of good art. He was a man of good science, and he was a man of good knowledge. He was a man of good power, and he was a man of good influence. He was a man of good authority, and he was a man of good respect. He was a man of good esteem, and he was a man of good regard. He was a man of good honor, and he was a man of good glory.

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The other club which we have already mentioned is the *Club de los Puercos*. The doors of this are never left open, and the occupants must have at the first hint of their entrance a small bottle of rum. That Calaca had entered the apartment before the others is a fact, and she says that she saw the other women and girls in the room. She says that she saw the other women and girls in the room. She says that she saw the other women and girls in the room.

Further investigation showed that Belmont was sitting on an agent for Pope. Belmont asked that the agent sitting for Pope in the country, he stated that he was under the impression that Belmont said "you I want to see him." Belmont said that he had not heard from Belmont since that time, but that his client had changed his mind and that for the first time he would let the matter drop.

(5) **Allegation That Page's Name Is Being Used to Sell Products**—The second day, and the second of two days, of the hearing, the attorney general and other witnesses submitted evidence and testimony that they believed would show that Page's name was being used to sell products. The attorney general's witnesses included the following:

- **Robert L. Thompson**, a former Page's spokesman, testified that he had been contacted by a man who offered him \$100,000 to sell Page's name to a company that wanted to use it to sell a line of clothing. Thompson refused the offer.
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Lojores F. Secondi has again threatened to kill herself. It is too late even for that.

We have patiently followed the tracks of the murderer. We have gathered up and pieced together all the words and all the incidents. Our work resulted in a concrete accusation; we presented our story to the authorities and to the press. Up until today, we have received no reply from those who have asked whether we would make public those facts, we have answered, yes.

We must make public these facts. Our silence would be a crime. We would be guilty if tomorrow innocent men were accused and sentenced. It is for this reason that I beg you, in the name of the martyr, not to rest until his murderer is brought to justice.

Remember him lying on the sidewalk of Fifth Avenue, his eyes still open. I beg you to see to it that his sacrifice be not in vain, and that this case be the cause for new and greater sorrow.

permeated King's life. The woman next to him, the aristocrat who is threatening to marry him, is not his fiancée, but his mistress. Your modernism is not to say that this country is too young to have a mistress, but to bring home to her name through your hard work, through the culture she had given you."

“ID the widow who has sought the help of the head of the Department of Justice, we say, ‘Rely upon the workers, for they are honest.’ Another widow before you did as you have done but her reply was derision and the corpse of her husband.”

To us the story is clear from its beginning, and of our fallen comrade Carlo Treves all we can say is that his ashes will, some day, be placed in the Italian hall of martyrs. That day will be the day when from the four corners of Italy there will rise the triumphal cry of the hymn of the Revolution.

## SUPPLEMENTARY NOTES

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scritta, ma sul filo del balotino alla fine del 1942 qualche settimana prima della morte di Carlo Tresca, ed essa ci valga a tenere presente che la vittima intendeva essere parte vivente di questa causa, che si deve pur svolgere.

Lo sforzo di Gensiero. Poteva azzardarsi a pensare che, come ai tempi degli Stati Uniti d'America, momento in cui la politica di Gensiero Pope e dell'ambiente fascista muta improvvisamente atteggiamento per mettersi su di una base antirazzista, così tutti conoscano.

A questo punto gli amici di Genesmo Pope cercarono l'occasione più opportuna per arrivare al fatto compiuto, e la trovarono nel banchetto dei buoni di guerra indetto da Paulino Cerri il 10 settembre nei locali del Manhattan Club.

Accompagnai quella sera per un tratto di strada Carlo, e separandoci ci rimarcammo intensi che l'avrei aspettato in un ristorante di Bedford Street. Circa mezz'ora dopo, lo vidi tornare a Tessa, salire le scale affannato e raccontarmi rapidamente quello che era successo.

La notte stessa Carlo Trecca mi comunicò alcune sue preoccupazioni per quello che sarebbe potuto avvenire dopo e mi raccomandò di fare attenzione.

Ma quello che noi dobbiamo dedurre da questa telefonata è una domanda. Perché il tesoriere della città di New York chiedeva con tanta insistenza

ma, che è lo stile libero, avrebbe in Giorgio Armani, Patrizio e in Valentino l'800 in compagnia di Krut (a 94).

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Trecca promette anche un ritorno, in trasferta, ma lei ritiene di doverla al Marassi, a questo punto, e non si può certo permettere di essere assente dalla città.

**Carlo Treves** accompagnato alla porta dell'edificio la Passanti e la sua moglie. In basso: il figlio di Carlo Treves, **Luigi**, con la moglie **Anna** e i figli **Enrico** e **Giuseppe**.

Nell'ottobre del 1964 Tiziano luella in traccia del probabile assassino di un giornale e la comparsa di suo difensore. Nel 1965 egli avverte: "Tutto sempre con questo vuol dire che noi uccidiamo il mandante a Genova".  
Dopo al procuratore distrettuale viene trasferito a Genova. Dopo

Questo però non può farcela. Ci deve ancora una svolta: una svolta verso la sinistra per non rendere ufficiale la sua equità, e il ripudio del movimento antilascista, a contratto e indolore un'alternativa per la medesima con i membri del Labor Party che gli aveva

«Carlo dopo questa terribile vicenda mi ripeté che bisogna stare attenti, questo vuol dire che c'è del pericolo. Vero, la fine del mese di dicembre Carlo Treves dios agli amici: «Ora ci avremo un addio terribile. Quella Facenti mi vuole ammazzare. Perché? domandiamo noi. Perché?». E non si sa.

the authors' own research. The authors also note that the results of the study are consistent with those of other studies, which have found that the use of a structured interview can lead to more reliable and valid data than a unstructured interview. The authors conclude that the use of a structured interview is a valuable tool for researchers in the field of organizational behavior.

del più acuto oppositori di una massoneria in Carlo Treves. Va considerato, però, contrariamente a quanto si è detto, che la "Libertà" non fece la prima

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quattro componenti il comitato, della prima riunione che era stata fissata per quella sera.

I quattro erano: Vanni Montana, segretario di Luigi Antonini, della locale RP, e direttore di Pubblica dell'Italian-American Labor Council; l'ingegnere Profenna, Lansillotti e Giovanni Sala.

Alle otto e trenta Carlo Tresca avvertì un suo compagno: Luigi Ciccone, che si trovava in ufficio, che poteva lasciarlo solo poiché a momenti sarebbero arrivati i quattro per la riunione stabilita. Invece nessuno di essi venne, e Tresca non ricevette nessuna telefonata che avvertisse il ritardo o l'impossibilità degli invitati a intervenire.

Venne solamente l'avvocato Calabi, che rimase in compagnia di Carlo e l'accompagnò quando egli decise di uscire.

2. Il delitto avvenne alle 9.45 P.M. Alle 11 P.M. Luigi Antonini telefonò alla polizia per avere notizie e dare le prime informazioni. Alle 11.30, negli uffici della squadra degli omicidi, il nome del presunto assassino era quello di Vittorio Vidali, appartenente al partito comunista e domiciliato nella Città del Messico.

Qualche ora dopo, ai posti della frontiera Messicana, erano arrivate le segnalazioni per il fermo del Vidali, e al porto di N. Y. l'ordine di vigilanza dei piroscafi in partenza per la Russia. Fu supposto anche che il Vidali si fosse servito di mezzo aereo per il ritorno a Città del Messico.

Il primo aeroplano che sia possibile prendere dopo delle ore 9.45 pomeridiane diretto a Città del Messico è quello delle 7.52 pomeridiane del giorno dopo (in questo caso del martedì) e che dopo il cambio a Brownsville, arriva a Città del Messico alle 11 e 55 del giorno seguente, dunque il mercoledì. Ma non ostante tutte queste ore a disposizione, le autorità non telegrafarono alla polizia Messicana per gli opportuni accertamenti, malgrado che il tempo sarebbe stato sufficiente ad essa per recarsi al domicilio del Vidali e constatare se questi fosse o no nella sua abitazione.

Se ciò fosse stato fatto, la risposta della polizia Messicana, sarebbe stata: o un no, cioè che Vidali non si trovava nella Città del Messico, e quindi la polizia avrebbe dovuto controllare il suo ritorno, e sottoporre il Vidali a un interrogatorio per informazioni riguardanti la sua assenza. O avrebbe risposto un sì: cioè che il Vidali si trovava nel suo domicilio, e in questo caso diventavano inutili le ricerche lungo la frontiera e nei piroscafi, e soprattutto il sopralluogo fatto dieci giorni dopo, in una farna del N. J., che dietro l'indicazione di Luigi Antonini e Vanni Montana sarebbe stato il luogo in cui il Vidali si teneva nascosto.

Da queste considerazioni scaturiscono delle domande: perchè le autorità rifiutarono da un accertamento così semplice che avrebbe dimostrato l'erroneità della pista? Perchè dieci giorni dopo il delitto si continuò a cercare il Vidali fra gli alberghi del N. J., senza preoccuparsi di sapere se era o non era nella sua casa di Città del Messico? E quali erano gli interessi che spingevano gli informatori a mantenere la polizia su una tale pista?

3. Luigi Antonini e il suo segretario Vanni Montana non sostennero la sola tesi anticomunista, ma a un certo momento ne tentarono anche una antianarchica, scaricando invece quella che conduce al gruppo Galante, Garofalo, Pope. L'Antonini in un lungo articolo tentò recentemente di dimostrarla menzognera. (Giustizia, numero del mese di Marzo).

4. Carmine Galante fu pedinato due ore prima del delitto dagli agenti del Parole Board, i quali lo videro salire in un'automobile. Essi dicono che il Galante era eccitato.

Carlo Tresca abitualmente lasciava il suo ufficio le sera dalle sei e mezzo alle sette. Solo rare volte si tratteneva fino ad ora tarda.

Una domanda: come faceva il Galante a sapere alle sette e trenta, dal suo posto, che avrebbe fatto in tempo ad arrivare alle 15 Strade e mettersi in অপস্থিত? Da che cosa derivava la sua eccitazione che fu notata al Parole Board?

Se egli pedinò Carlo Tresca nelle sere precedenti, dov'era essere certo che sarebbe arrivato troppo tardi, per quanto rapidamente egli avesse potuto fare.

Allora si domanda: se nessuno sapeva di questo insolito orari, e di questa insolita solitudine di Tresca, come faceva il Galante a saperlo? Chi gli disse che quella sera Tresca sarebbe rimasto fino a tardi e sarebbe uscito solo?



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Washington, D. C.  
May 10, 1943**

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. LADD

Re: Carlo Tresca

Reference is made to the attached excerpt from the New York Daily Mirror of May 10, 1943 entitled "Ready to Ask Indictment of 3 for Tresca Murder." According to this article, the District Attorney of New York County will go before the Grand Jury and ask for an indictment of three men who will be charged with the murder of Tresca. Only one of the trio is specifically named: Carmine Galente.

From the information available it appears that Galente, an ex-convict and subject of frequent arrests, appeared at the office of the Parole Division, 90 Centre Street, New York City, an hour and a half before Tresca's murder, in order to make his weekly report inasmuch as he is under parole supervision until 1945, having recently completed the service of a twelve-and-one-half-year sentence for armed robbery. Two investigators from the Parole Board placed Galente under surveillance immediately after he left the office. He was observed getting into an automobile which was parked near the office with the motor running and another man behind the wheel. The surveilling officers took the license number of this car and later it was determined that the same license number appeared on the automobile which was used by Tresca's assassin. Police records on Galente reportedly show four aliases; eight arrests on charges including juvenile delinquency, assault, robbery and homicide; as well as four convictions. The last paragraph of the attached newspaper clipping refers to a privately printed pamphlet which "discusses the Tresca shooting and names, among others, an editor, an Italian-American woman attorney, a gangster, a labor leader, and a city official as enemies of Tresca. It claims to expose facts concerning relations of those named with Tresca, implying that all had reason to hate and fear him."

The referenced pamphlet was prepared by a close friend of Tresca, Ezio Taddei, and it has been examined by the Bureau. The editor referred to is Generoso Pope, who was unquestionably an enemy of Tresca. The Italian-American woman attorney is Miss Delores Camilla Faconti, Assistant United

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States Attorney, Southern District of New York. The "gangster" is Frank Garofalo, an alleged gunman and former employee and bodyguard of Generoso Pope. The identities of the "labor leader" and the "city official" are unknown.

ACTION: The foregoing is supplied for informative purposes and no action is necessary.

Respectfully,

*F. L. Welch*

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Attachment



newspaper to a murderer

# Of 3 for Tresca Murder

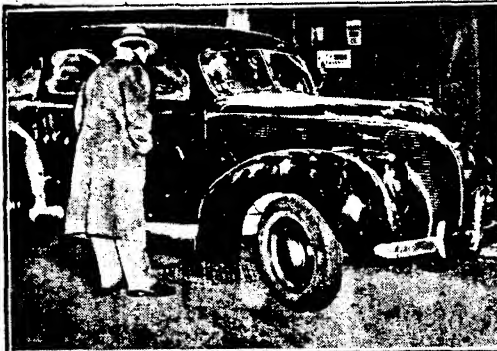
By WILLIAM FALVEY

After four months of unceasing work, police have amassed enough evidence to enable District Attorney Hogan to go before the Grand Jury and ask for the indictment of three men who will be charged with the murder of Carlo Tresca, the Mirror learned yesterday. Police allege that a man in custody since February is the killer, and that the others were co-conspirators.

Tresca, widely known in Italian-American circles as an anti-Fascist agitator,

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Car in which Tresca's assassin escaped was found abandoned later five blocks from scene of crime. Carmine Galante (right), ex-convict on parole, was picked up and questioned.

radical labor exponent and vitriolic editor, was shot on the night of Jan. 11, at Fifth Ave., and 15th St., while walking with a friend.

The killer jumped from a car parked at the curb, fired the shots and jumped back into the auto, which sped away.

It was found later, abandoned five blocks from the scene. Police say there were two other men, besides the killer, in the car. The driver can be picked up at any time, but the third man whose identity also is known, is being sought throughout the city by detectives under Inspector Conrad Rothengast.

While authorities are certain they have an airtight case against the killer, they have not established a motive, it is said. They are confronted with at least a score of theories, all plausible because of the vast number of enemies Tresca made in his activism.

More than a dozen attempts to kill or kidnap Tresca have been uncovered by police. They say he narrowly escaped death two nights before he was murdered, when a car with blazing headlights deliberately tried to run him down.

## Always Colorful

Tony Ribarich, a friend of Tresca's, pushed him from the path of the car, which had been waiting at the curb at 5th Ave. and 9th St. Ribarich later identified the car which the killer used Jan. 11 as the one which tried to hit Tresca Jan. 9.

Tresca always had been a colorful, battling figure, with countless political and ideological enemies. On the night he was murdered, he was making plans to conduct an anti-Mussolini cam-

## Slain Anti-Fascist



CARLO TRESCA.

Shot while walking with friend. Authorities believe they have an airtight case against his killer.

New York Daily Mirror

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paign in Italian language newspapers and to purge the Mazzini Society, of which he was a member, of its Fascist element.

Several hundred detectives were assigned to the case at once, on direct orders of the Mayor. Shortly after the murder, Carmine Galente, an ex-convict on parole, was picked up and placed near the murder scene at the time of the shooting.

A key figure in the investigation has been Giuseppe Callabi of 415 Central Park West, who was walking with Tresca at the time of the shooting.

A privately-printed pamphlet, given wide circulation in Italian-American and radical circles, will be shown the Grand Jury. Its apparently libelous content never has been repudiated.

The pamphlet discusses the Tresca shooting and names, among others, an editor, an Italian-American woman attorney, a gangster, a labor leader and a city official as enemies of Tresca. It claims to expose facts concerning relations of those named with Tresca, implying they all had reason to hate and fear him.

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May 11, 1943

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. D. M. LADD

Re: CARLO TRESKA MURDER  
Dolores Camilla FacontiMr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
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Mr. Nease \_\_\_\_\_

ASAC Donegan, New York, called at this time with reference to a teletype sent to the Bureau last night which read: "USA, SOUTHERN DISTRICT NEW YORK, REQUESTS THAT ALMERINO PORTFOLIO, CITY TREASURER, BE INTERVIEWED RELATIVE TO ALLEGED PHONE CALL MADE BY HIM TO CARLO TRESKA. UNLESS ADVISED TO CONTRARY, THIS INTERVIEW WILL BE CONDUCTED ON WEDNESDAY, MAY 12, 1943."

Mr. Donegan advised that he is definitely against having such an interview conducted and it was pointed out that this is not in connection with the Faconti matter, but is directly connected with the murder itself. I told him that we have advised the Attorney General by memorandum on several occasions that we are having absolutely nothing to do with the investigation of the murder case. Donegan indicated that Correa would be happy to get some publicity through the investigation of the Tresca matter.

I told Mr. Donegan that he should advise them that the request to interview Portfolio had been referred to the Bureau and that they are awaiting the Bureau's answer. He stated that the Agent will be instructed not to interview this man, and that no action will be taken pending further advice from the Bureau.

Respectfully,

K. Mumford

cc - Mr. Welch

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. JAMES HOWE, JR.  
THE ASSISTANT TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

Re: Dolores ~~X~~ Camilla ~~X~~ Faconti

Reference is made to the memoranda which I recently transmitted to you relative to the inquiries which were conducted by this Bureau concerning Miss Dolores Camilla Faconti, Assistant United States Attorney, Southern District of New York. You will recall that our investigation of Miss Faconti was instituted in pursuance of the request outlined by you in your memorandum dated March 16, 1943.

This is to advise that Mr. Mathias F. Correa, United States Attorney, Southern District of New York, recently requested our New York Office to make arrangements for Mr. Almerineo Portofolio, City Treasurer, New York, New York, to be interviewed by an Agent of this Bureau relative to a telephone call that was purportedly made to Carlo Tresca by Mr. Portofolio. As you are aware, Carlo Tresca, the editor of the anti-Fascist and anti-Communist Italian language newspaper "Il Martello", was murdered in New York City on January 9, 1943.

Subsequent to the assassination of Tresca, I directed several memoranda concerning this murder case to the Attorney General and to Mr. Edward J. Egan, Director, Alien Enemy Control Unit. In these communications I pointed out that since the investigation of this murder case would be contrary to the established policy of this Bureau, and in view of the fact that the Attorney General is in accord with the FBI's policy of refraining from concerning itself with cases solely within local law-enforcement jurisdiction, no investigation would be undertaken by this Bureau concerning ~~Mr. E. A. Tamm's~~ assassination.

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It would appear that the interview requested by Mr. Correa is concerned primarily with the aforementioned murder case rather than with the inquiries which this Bureau has conducted regarding Miss Faconti; accordingly, compliance with Mr. Correa's request is not contemplated by this Bureau. It is believed that this procedure is particularly desirable at this time, inasmuch as several New York newspapers reported on May 10, 1943 that the District Attorney of New York County is expected to go before a Grand Jury for an indictment of three men who will be charged with the assassination of Carlo Tresca.

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Inasmuch as this Bureau's inquiries concerning Miss Faconti have been completed and because the FBI is not conducting any investigation relative to the previously-mentioned murder case, the interview requested by the United States Attorney in the Southern District of New York will not be conducted.

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover  
Director



**Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.**

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. LADD

RE: CARLO TRESCA

Reference is made to Mr. Sizoo's memorandum to you dated April 25, 1943, entitled "WALTER WINCHELL BROADCAST, April 25, 1943".

You will recall that in the aforementioned communication it was pointed out that Mr. Winchell made the statement that "A wild pamphlet now being distributed in the East and purporting to give clues of the mysterious murder of Carlo Tresca, an enemy of Mussolini and Fascism, has aroused the District Attorney of New York". Mr. Winchell likewise commented, "The police are searching for the author."

This is to advise that copies of the referenced pamphlet have been transmitted to the Bureau by the New York Field Division. The periodical in question is entitled "The Tresca Case", and was prepared by Mr. Ezio Taddei, who has for the past several years been a close friend and collaborator of Tresca.

Taddei's treatise on the life and death of Tresca has been carefully reviewed, and it contains little information which would be considered of assistance in determining the identity of Tresca's assassin. The pamphlet contains numerous discrepancies, as well as several unsubstantiated allegations relative to several individuals whom Taddei thinks might be responsible for the murder.

Inasmuch as the information recently received indicates that the most logical suspect in this case is the alleged G.P.U. Agent Vittorio Vidali, it is pointed out that on page 9 of Taddei's treatise it is stated that Vidali was reported to have been seen in New York City just prior to the murder which occurred on January 11, 1943. As you are aware, the Bureau received this information some time ago, and at present the SIS Section is making extensive inquiries in the vicinity of Mexico City relative to the whereabouts of this suspect at the time Tresca was assassinated. Likewise, the border offices in Texas are making inquiries relative to the reported travels of Vidali from Mexico to this country.



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**ACTION:** The data set forth hereinbefore are supplied merely for informative purposes, and no further action is recommended relative to the pamphlet prepared by Taddei, inasmuch as it contains numerous discrepancies and because it has obviously been prepared by an individual who is biased in his opinion of the instant case.

You will be apprised of all additional pertinent information that is received relative to Vittorio Vidali, the leading suspect in the Carlo Tresca murder case.

Respectfully,

*F. L. Welch*

F. L. Welch



In reply refer to  
File No. 61-1335

May 13, 1943

SIS #396

Re: Carlo Tresca

Dear Sir:

Carlo Tresca was shot and killed on January 11, 1943, as he left his office on Fifth Avenue, New York City. The murderer has not been identified although the New York City Police Department has conducted an extensive investigation to locate him.

Tresca was an anarchist and the publisher of a newspaper. He was intensely disliked by both Fascist and Communists whom he vitriolically attacked in his journal. Although the Bureau is not investigating Tresca's assassination, it is interested in any information pertinent to the case.

Perhaps the most important suspect in the matter is Carlos Remedios, alias Jesus Serrano Vidal or Vidali. This individual is an Italian who spent many years in Russia and also the Commander of the Communist Lister Brigade in Spain during the Spanish Civil War. He has the reputation of being a very dangerous character having been accused of several political assassinations both in Spain and in Mexico. There appears to be little doubt but that Contreras is at least an important Comintern functionary, if not an actual O.G.P.U. agent.

His present residence is in Mexico, but information has been received to the effect that since he came to Mexico on April 17, 1939, he has made several trips to the United States and Cuba.

The Bureau is presently conducting an expedition and intensive investigation of Contreras' activities in both the United States and in Mexico. Inasmuch as Contreras has reputedly traveled to Cuba since 1939, Agents Wamm and Lee are instructed to make inquiries through sources available to you in Cuba.

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to ascertain whether these trips were a reality as well as to determine his activities and contacts while in Cuba. This matter should be given preferred, thorough, and vigorous investigative attention and a report submitted to the Bureau as soon as possible.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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April 26, 1943

SAC, New York

Re: CARLO TRESCA

Dear Sir:

In the event any additional pertinent data are received by the Bureau relative to this case, your Office will be appropriately advised. At the same time, the New York Office should furnish the Bureau with all relevant information which is received from time to time in connection with this case.

Very truly yours,

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
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SAC, San Antonio

Re: JESUS SORRENTE VIDALI

Dear Sir:

The Bureau is vitally interested in securing all information available relative to the captioned individual, who is presently residing at Avenida Juarez No. 4, Mexico City, Mexico. The following is a summarization of the information presently in the Bureau's possession relative to the captioned subject.

Jesus Sorrente Vidali is known to have utilized the following aliases during the recent past: Jesus Sorrente Vidali; Vittorio Vidali; Vittorio Vidali Sorrenti; Jesus Vidali, Carlos Jimenez Contreras; Carlos Contreras; Carlos Sorrento; Enea Sorrenti; and "Comandante Carlos." The Bureau files reflect that the subject is an Italian; that he spent many years in Russia; and that he was Comissar of the Communist Lister Brigade in Spain during the Spanish Civil War. The subject, who is most generally referred to as Carlos Contreras, is considered by reliable informants to be a most dangerous character. Vidali has been referred to as a Comintern Functionary, as a C.P.U. agent, and as one of the principal influential contact men between "Free Germany" and the Mexican Communist movement.

From the data available it appears that the subject in 1923, a year after Mussolini seized control of Italy, fled his homeland and came to the United States where he aligned himself with Communist elements. He later proceeded to Mexico and was allegedly deported by that country, subsequently turning up in Spain where he fought as a Commandant in the Spanish Loyalist Army during the recent Civil War in that country. Vidali later returned to Mexico and posed as a Spanish refugee, affiliating himself with Vicente Lombardo Toledano, a Mexican labor leader and alleged adherent of the Communist Party in Mexico.

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Another report has been received indicating that Vidali was seen in New York City during the first or second week of January, 1943.

At this time the Bureau is particularly interested in the various trips which the subject is reported to have made to the United States. Accordingly, it is desired that the San Antonio Office and the Offices receiving copies of this letter contact the appropriate representatives of the Immigration and Naturalization Service at the various ports of entry mentioned hereinbefore, for the purpose of securing all available information relative to the travels of Vidali. The Philadelphia Office should make similar inquiries at the headquarters of the Immigration and Naturalization Service in Philadelphia for the purpose of securing any data in the possession of that Service relative to the captioned subject.

This is a matter in which I am particularly interested and, accordingly, it is desired that the foregoing instructions be complied with in sufficient time to insure the submission of the requested information to the Bureau not later than May 15, 1943.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

CC: El Paso  
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CARLO TRESCA

4-16-43

An article containing the following information appeared in "Excelsior" dated April 4, 1943:

JULIAN GOMEZ GORKIN, who was wounded during the assault on the Centro Cultural Ibero-Mexicano, Venustiano Carranza #50, stated that the Communists in México are resorting to terror in order to impose their will on all objectors in México. He stated that the O.G.P.U. is working openly in México upon instructions from the Comintern. JULIAN GORKIN accused the following persons as leading the assault on the Centro Cultural Ibero-Mexicano:

ANTONIO MIJE  
JUAN COMORERA  
JULIAN CARRILLO  
CARLOS CONTRERAS

The article continued that CARLOS CONTRERAS, who uses various names, has been able to travel with facility to Cuba and to the United States. At the present time, the New York Police are seeking CONTRERAS in connection with the assassination of CARLO TRESCA, which crime was carried out by the G.P.U.

An article in "Excelsior" dated April 8, 1943, by JORGE PINO SANDOVAL, reflects that additional aliases of CARLOS JIMENEZ CONTRERAS are ENEA SORMENTI and COMANDANTE CARLOS.

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**Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice**  
500 Widener Building  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

May 10, 1943

Director, FBI

Re: JESUS SUPREMENTE VIDALI, with aliases.  
Internal Security  
(Bureau File No. 61-1335)

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau letter concerning the above-captioned individual addressed to the Special Agent in Charge, San Antonio, dated April 30, 1943, a copy of which was furnished to the Philadelphia Field Division. A request was made therein that inquiries be made at the headquarters of the Immigration and Naturalization Service, Philadelphia, for the purpose of securing any data relative to the captioned subject.

A check of the records maintained at the headquarters of the Immigration and Naturalization Service, 15th and Chestnut Streets, Philadelphia, under the following names used by the subject, JESUS SUPREMENTE VIDALI, VITTORIO VIDALI, VITTORIO VIDALI ALBERTI, JESUS VIDALI, CARLOS PINOCH CONTRERAS, CARLOS CONTRERAS, CARLOS CONTRERAS, PINOCH CONTRERAS, and "COMANDANTE CARLOS," revealed information only as to one CARLOS CONTRERAS, 201 Lexington Avenue, New York, who apparently is not identical with the subject of this communication.

Information in brief concerning CARLOS CONTRERAS, 201 Lexington Avenue, New York, as reflected in the Immigration and Naturalization files, is as follows:

CONTRERAS was born in Antofagasta, Chile, on August 10, 1900, of Spanish American parents, GUILLAMO CONTRERAS, father, and HERMIWIA CARMONA, mother. He first entered the United States at the age of eighteen as a seaman from LeHavre, France, aboard the vessel BUFORD on September 13, 1918, arriving at the port of New York, New York. He was naturalized in the United States District Court, New York City, February 17, 1941, Petition No. 355223, Certificate No. 495812.

He has been employed as a butler to MARSHALL H. RUSSEL, Esq., at Aiken, South Carolina. According to these records, CONTRERAS visited Bahamas, B.W.I., for a period of three months for reason of his employment with MARSHALL H. RUSSEL in 1937. A Re-entry Permit No. 1132033 was

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issued him on March 6, 1937. He re-entered the United States at Miami, Florida, aboard the vessel "PILOT I" on May 6, 1937.

In view of the above information, no further inquiries will be made by this office in the absence of a request from the Bureau or offices receiving copies of this communication.

Very truly yours,

*J. F. Sears*  
J. P. SEARS  
SAC

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100-19687

cc San Antonio  
El Paso  
Miami

Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice

San Antonio, Texas  
May 13, 1943

AIR MAIL  
SPECIAL DELIVERY

Carlo Tesca

Director, F.B.I.

Re: JESUS CORRIENTE HIDALGO

Dear Sir:

Reference is being made to Bureau letter dated April 30, 1943, Bureau File No. 61-1335, in regard to the above-entitled individual.

Please be advised that a check of the records of the United States Immigration Service at Brownsville and Hidalgo, Texas, was made with negative results. Neither was there a record of a departure at either of the above ports of entry, inasmuch as outgoing passengers or travellers are not recorded by the U. S. Immigration upon their departure from the United States unless the traveller is travelling by air. All air manifests of both outgoing and incoming passengers, however, upon being searched, likewise failed to reflect any record.

Italy

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Although none of the above sources possesses any information relative to this person's travels, the Immigration stations did have on record a confidential bulletin from



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Letter to Director, Page 2, May 13, 1943

Re: JESUS SORRENTE VIDALI

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No further inquiry is being conducted in regard to this individual and this case is being closed in the San Antonio Field Division, subject to being re-opened in the event information is received in regard to the subject.

Very truly yours,

*R. C. Suran*  
R. C. SURAN  
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May 19, 1943

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Re: Carlo Tresca

Dear Sir:

For your information and possible assistance in conducting investigations pertaining to Carlo Contreras, there is enclosed herewith a photostatic copy of an intercept submission in connection with a letter dated April 8, 1943, from Mario Montanana, Mexico, D.F., to "Unidad del Pueblo," New York City.

You will note that the enclosed photostat contains information to the effect that Contreras is now a member of the Executive Committee of the Garibaldi Alliance and that the latter stands ready to prove the falseness of attacks against him by Trotskyites in Mexico.

Very truly yours,

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Coffey \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_  
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**COMMENT**

Enclosed also is a comment by writer, Mario Montagnani, in which writer describes the meeting called by Trotskyites in Mexico to commemorate Carlo Tresca and the executed Polish spies, Erlich and Alter, with Victor Serge, Julian Gorkin, and Leo Tolstoy, masquerading as a Frenchman Paul Chevalier, as speakers. The meeting was broken up by Mexican Antifascists, with several wounded, Julian Gorkin among them, and all the arrested Antifascists were immediately freed.

Writer states that a local reactionary newspaper reported on the meeting with Gorkin in which latter accuses Spanish Communists and names Carlos Contreras (Vittorio Vidali) of having organized this protest against Trotskyites, and accuses Contreras Vidali of being responsible for the death of Carlo Tresca. Writer states that it would be necessary to confer with the person Leo Tolstoy if he, along with other Trotskyites and Criminals, were not a director of the Mexico Chapter of Russian Society. Writer states that both the Mexico Chapter and Leo Tolstoy should speculate there is really no need to be concerned by Trotskyites themselves.

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** Writer is Communist and Secretary of Communist Alliance, Antifascist Society and accepts Trotskyites, while the Russian Society which contains these Communist Alliance has been using today all Antifascists. Trotskyites are members of Communist Alliance. Writer states that both the Mexico Chapter and Leo Tolstoy should speculate there is really no need to be concerned by Trotskyites themselves.

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**Federal Bureau of Investigation**  
**United States Department of Justice**

In Reply, please refer  
to File number 100-2989

Post Office Box 1679  
El Paso, Texas  
May 12, 1943

Director, FBI.

RE: ~~JESUS SORRENTE VIDALI~~

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to a copy of your letter dated April 30, 1943, and addressed to the San Antonio office, in connection with the above captioned person.

Following receipt of a copy of the reference letter, Special Agent [redacted] of this office, contacted Inspector GORDON CORNELL of the United States Immigration and Naturalization Service, Santa Fe Bridge, El Paso, Texas, who advised that a careful check of the records in that office against the name of the Subject and all his reported aliases, failed to reveal any record showing his entry into the United States or his exit therefrom through the Port of El Paso, Texas.

No further investigation in connection with this matter is contemplated at the present time, unless this office is advised otherwise.

Very truly yours,

D. A. BRYCE,

Special Agent in Charge.

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In reply, refer to  
Examination Section:

May 7, 1943.

Mr. John Edgar Hoover,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
Department of Justice,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Attention: Mr. R. D. Douglas

Enclosed are copies of numerous submission slips  
comprising the back traffic filed under the names of Vitorio  
Vidali, Vitorio Vidali, Carment, Carlos Contreras, Carlos Sorrento,  
and Kneal Sormenti, in compliance with your request of May 3, 1943. *Italy*  
*McKib*

As reported to Mr. Douglas by telephone, additional  
submission slips have been recorded on these names, but copies are  
not included because the master sheets are not available. All of  
these have been allocated to you previously. The numbers have been  
supplied to Mr. Douglas and if any are missing from your files, I  
will be glad to furnish microfilm copies upon request. Also enclosed  
are NYC-176328-A and NY-366406 which constitute the back traffic on  
Madeleine Gaucheron.

There is no record of any communications to or  
from George Wilfert, alias Wilfret.

Sincerely yours,

Ralph Burkholder,  
Assistant Chief Postal Censor.

Enclosures:  
Numerous cps. of submission slips.

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...the anti-Fascist Society which has periodically  
...communists. On Nov. 12, 1942 Treason wrote "New  
...Times, N.Y.", boasting that he was responsible for keeping  
...out of Fascist Society and for preventing formation of  
...alliance chapter in N.Y.C., he reported that he was  
...controversy with the Garibaldi Alliance and its  
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COMMENT

ARCHITECT IN MEXICO ACCEPTS MEMBERSHIP IN AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

Writer expresses his appreciation and accepts honorary membership in American Institute of Architects

REMARKS: NOTES: He has had been mentioned in the press also known as Carlos J. Estrada (b. 1900, M. C. M. C. Italian Communist, a Director of Cardinale Villanova (M. C. M. C. Former Commander of Fifth Regiment in Spanish War) apparently no connection between these two men. He has been invited to contribute articles to the Mexican Revue, M. C. M. C. Architectural Association, Coordinator of Inter-American Affairs for the Inter-American Conference and by the Council of the American Institute of Architects.

REMARKS: VICTORIO HALL (Carlos J. Estrada) is listed as Carlos J. Estrada, Mexican Consul in M. C. M. C. and/or M. C. M. C. Avenida Cuernavaca in Mexico, D. F. The latter address is the address of the American Institute of Architects, the address of the American Institute of Architects is the address of the American Institute of Architects.

**FROM**

CARLOS CONTRERAS  
EDIFICIO 24  
AVENIDA JOSE  
MARTI, 100

**LET**

● 2010年10月1日

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Writers state they believe publication of these "Chapultepec" by James Walker, on July 3, 1945, was an unnecessary publicity stunt. It is the opinion of the Neighbor policy group that the publication of these Mexican history and plain language articles, if not thoughtlessly, to offend. Such inappropriate publicity should be avoided entirely, since it here the sisters' desire mutual understanding and good will.

STAMIN'S NOTE is signed by Esteban and Roberto Casas. It is dated 1962.

One Carlin, who was a member of the Communist Party, was also involved at time of Carlin-Lynch pact. He was a member of the Carlin for a time, but was not a member of the Carlin.

FROM: CARLOS GARCIA  
ACQUINETO  
BOLFIETO LA  
VERMUDA SHAPE  
MEXICO, D.F.  
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MEXICAN SUSPECT SEEKS MEMBERSHIP IN U.S. TECHNICAL SOCIETY

Writer expresses interest in membership by addresses for membership in American Institute of Mechanical Engineers. (quote) Please that third member who, as a friend of mine, was a member. I have no information as to whether or not he is still a member.

Subject's application for membership was received by the American Institute of Mechanical Engineers.

It appeared on Mexican newspaper that subject had been in the U.S. and had been in contact with the American Institute of Mechanical Engineers.

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# COMMENT

UNITED STATES ALLIANCE DIRECTOR TROUBLE AT CAMPAIGN FOR FRESCA'S ASSASSINATION

Director states that he has just learned of the suspension of campaign of lies launched against him in 1941 and the death of Carlo Fresca as a result.

The Mexican Press has not printed any of the charges against him, and he has been able to continue his work.

Director states that this column is no longer intended to take it up, although writer has often been hostile to his ideas and his work.

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United States Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

May 20, 1943

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. WELCH

Re: Carlo Tresca-

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Coffey \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Ladd \_\_\_\_\_  
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In view of the Bureau's interest in the murder of Carlo Tresca, the Espionage Section, in pursuance of my request, secured the back traffic filed under the names of Vitorio Vidali, alias Vitorio Vidali Sormenti, Carlos Contreras, Carlos Sorrento, and Enea Sormenti, who is considered by the District Attorney of New York County as one of the leading suspects in the instant case.

In reviewing these intercepts I have observed that although the vast majority of them are concerned with an individual residing in Mexico City by the name of Carlos Contreras, this individual is not identical with Vitorio Vidali, despite the Censorship Examiners' notes to the contrary.

The suspect in the Tresca murder case, Vitorio Vidali, who is better known as Carlos Contreras, apparently resides at Calle Loteria Nacional I. Lpto. 6, Mexico, D. F., Mexico. Although the files of the Office of Censorship contain several references to this suspect, there is no information contained therein which would appear to be of value in the solution of this case. A review of these intercepts, however, indicates that the Garibaldi Alliance, a Communist organization in Mexico City, has directed numerous



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communications to Unita Del Popolo in New York City disclaiming the "scandalous and base campaign of lies launched against Contreras in the United States, using the assassination of Carlo Tresca as a basis." From the information presently available it would appear that Unita Del Popolo has become overrun with Leftist elements to such an extent that it may well be classified as a Communist-front organization.

ACTION: Inasmuch as the back traffic on suspect Vidali, alias Contreras, contains no information which would be of assistance in establishing or eliminating this individual as Tresca's assassin, no action is necessary relative to the data set forth hereinbefore.

Respectfully,

  
J. P. Coyne



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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. LADD

Re: Carlo Tresca

In order that you may be apprised of the current status of this case the following information is set forth relative to Jesus Sarramente Vidali, better known as Carlos Contreras, who is apparently the chief suspect in the Carlo Tresca murder case.

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
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OBSERVATIONS: It would appear from the data available that Contreras is not identical with Tresca's assassin. However, since his whereabouts on January 11, 1943 has not been definitely established, the Bureau is continuing its inquiries relative thereto, both in the United States and in Mexico. On April 30, 1943 the San Antonio, El Paso, Miami, and Philadelphia Offices were instructed to secure all available information relative to the travels of Contreras from the Immigration and Naturalization Offices in those Districts. To date no affirmative information has been secured as a result of this action.

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ACTION: A second communication is being directed to the border Offices mentioned above, together with photographs of Contreras, in order that these pictures may be displayed to the representatives of the Immigration and Naturalization Service who are responsible for the control of international passage. As previously indicated, our investigation of Contreras in Mexico City is being continued. As additional data are received concerning this case you will be appropriately advised.

Respectfully,

*F. L. Welch*

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As additional data are received pertinent to the captioned case you will be appropriately advised.

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